



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MOTT SOIL
2003 Soil of the Year

WHEREAS, North Dakota's most important natural resource is the soil; and

WHEREAS, the American Elm (state tree), the Wild Prairie Rose (state flower), and the Western Wheat Grass (state grass) all have their roots in the soil. Even milk (state beverage), the Western Meadowlark (state bird), and Petrified Wood (state fossil) could not be present in North Dakota without soil; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has always been a predominantly agricultural state. We have a better chance of preserving our agricultural heritage by making people more aware of how important it is to protect our soil resource; and

WHEREAS, using the theme, "Soil of the Year", a different soil will be selected each year to inform North Dakota citizens of the rich variety of soils we have in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim Mott Soil, as the 2003 Soil of the Year for the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State